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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS.

Cositionists Returned by Cambridge University.
London, December 21.
The Cambridge University election resulted as follows:-
Mr. J. F. P. Rawlinson (Coalition Unionist) ... 2,034
Sir J. Larmor (Coalition Unionist) ... 1,988
Mr. W. C. Whetham (Unionist) ... 1,229
Mr. J. C. Squire (Labour) ... 841
There are two seats.

Welsh University.
London, December 21.
The election for the University of Wales resulted as follows:-
Right Hon. J. H. Lewis (Coalition Liberal) ... 730
Mr. Mackens's (Labour) ... 176

Dublin University.
London, December 21.
Dublin University election resulted as follows:-
Mr. A. W. Simons, K.C. (Coalitionist) ... 1,573
Sir Robert Woods (Coalitionist) ... 783
Mr. W. O. Jellett (Unionist) ... 631
Capt. S. L. Gwynn (Nationalist) ... 567
There are two seats. Capt. Gwynn was formerly M.P. for Galway.

Belfast University.
London, December 21.
Belfast University election resulted as follows:-
Sir Wm. White (Unionist) ... 1,487
Mr. S. Dolan (Sun Fein) ... 118

BOLSHEVISM IN GERMANY WORK OF RUSSIA.

Some Astounding Disclosures.

London, December 29.
There is a good deal of controversy in the German newspapers on the question as to who financed the Revolution. The Berlin Soviet Executive admits it received half a million marks through a mysterious man, named Herr Elieb, who was subsequently arrested on an unstated charge. Herr Mueller, Chairman of the Berlin Executive, says it is uncertain to whom this money originally belonged. Meanwhile, M. Joffe, the Bolshevik ex-Ambassador to Berlin, is sending out wireless messages insisting on Russia being supplied with money and that the People's Commissaries, Hartmann and Hassel, know this to be true. M. Joffe declares that Dr. Gollancz, at present Russian Under-Secretary of Justice, was authorized by the Russian Bolshevik Government to spend a million and a half marks to organise the Revolution; then 6,000,000 rubles to further it, and altogether 24,000,000 marks have been placed at the disposal of the German revolutionaries by Russia.

THE FUTURE OF COMMERCIAL AVIATION.

Lord Weir's Advice to Government.

London, December 20.
Lord Weir, the Minister of Air, in a speech at Manchester, said that we now possessed substantial numbers of aeroplanes and were able to carry seven over and 30 passengers for 1,200 miles without stopping, at a speed of 1,200 miles per hour. He suggested that the big shipping and other transport organisations should actively interest themselves in the development of commercial aviation, and when peace was concluded the State should sell its superfluous aeroplanes suitable for conversion to commercial use, to private firms cheaply. Lord Weir said the Air Board must be re-organised. The first essential step of the new Ministry should be to organise international flying. This would involve an International Air Convention, the articles of which are already drafted and are being submitted to the Allies. If the latter approved the Convention an International Air Conference could be held, and he had reason to anticipate that within the next four or five months the principal nations would have reached an agreement on this momentous question.

DEVELOPMENT OF COTTON INDUSTRY.

Extension at Present Impossible.

London, December 20.
Sir C. Macara states that any great extension of the cotton industry at present is impossible as the removal of many millions of spindles destroyed or damaged by the war will tax the resources of cotton machinery to the utmost for sometime and, as prices at present are 200 to 300 per cent, above the pre-war prices, new mills, even if they could be erected, could not compete with the existing mills.

Sir C. Macara also emphasises that a considerable period must elapse before the raw material could be converted into the finished fabric.

"WILSON THE JUST."

Organised Moral Force of Men.

Paris, December 22.
President Wilson, amid impressive scenes during the Academic ceremony, received to-day the Honorary Degree of Doctor Honoris Causa of the Sorbonne, the Vice-Rector greeting him as "Wilson the Just."

In returning thanks, President Wilson said the chief object of education should be to awaken the spirit of the terrible war—not only the war between nations but also the war between systems of culture, the aggressive system of using science without conscience, and using every faculty of the human mind to do wrong to the whole race. The other system was the indomitable spirit which was everywhere struggling towards Right and seeking, above all things, to be free. The triumph of Freedom in this war meant that the spirituals seek now to dominate the world, on President Wilson's conception of a League of Nations shall operate as an organised moral force of men throughout the world.—Hans.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

PEACE PROBLEMS.

President Wilson on "the Greatest Question."
London, December 21.

President Wilson, interviewed by the Paris correspondent of the Times, said the greatest question as regards the Peace Conference was "Will there be found enough of wisdom and purpose among statesmen to create a safeguard against future wars?" He emphasised that the difficulties and responsibilities which had arisen by the successful termination of the war must be shared by the great nations of the world as comrades of the less powerful.

Regarding his inability at present to visit the Grand Fleet, President Wilson said he so fully realised from the beginning that behind the great armies was the strong, silent and watchful support of the British Navy, securing the communications of the Allies, that it would give him great pleasure to visit the Grand Fleet if it were possible. There had been the happiest comradeship and loyal co-operation between the Navy of Great Britain and the Navy of the United States, and he was sure all Americans were keenly appreciative of it and knew its full significance in the winning of the war.

In discussing the role of the British Fleet in maintaining what, anyhow in war-time, has been "the freedom of the seas" for the free peoples of the world, President Wilson spoke with a sincerity which no amount of writing can convey. His accents conveyed to us that he is a believer in the decency and honesty of the Anglo-Saxon race. He said:—"I am more anxious to go to England because I have reason to know that unanimity and unanimous conviction the people of Great Britain and America have entertained the same conception of liberty and justice. It is essential to the future peace of the world that there be the frankest co-operation and most generous understanding between the two English-speaking Democracies. We appreciate, I believe, the grave problems which the war has brought to the British people and fully understand the special international questions which arise from the facts of your peculiar position as an Island Empire." This variation of the President's remarks do not convey the real solid loss of sincerity with which President Wilson dealt with this particular point of the freedom of the seas.

Proceeding, President Wilson said he was convinced that nothing can possibly prevent the approaching Conference from pronouncing what all the world wants—a really solid guarantee of future peace. He concluded:—"I am confident that by common counsel the statesmen of the world will be able to reach a just and reasonable solution of the problems which will be presented to them, and thus earn the gratitude of the world for the most critical and necessary service which has ever been rendered to it."

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S HOMECOMING.

Received By Duke of Connaught.

London, December 18 (Delayed).
There are great preparations to give Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig a right royal welcome in London, to-morrow when he arrives on his Christmas furlough. Although the official recognition of his great services will come at a later date, every effort is being made to make this visit memorable. He will be accompanied by his distinguished Army Commanders, Generals Sir Henry Horne, Sir Herbert Plumer, Sir William Birdwood, Sir Harry Rawlinson and Sir Julian Byng, Lieut. General T. Averell, Q.M.R., Quartermaster General; Lieut. General Sir Walter Lawrence, Chief of the General Staff; Lieut. General Sir George Fowke, Adjutant-General; also Major-General Sir William Salmon, commanding the Air Force, and Sir Douglas Haig's personal staff.

Sir Douglas Haig arrives at Charing Cross at one o'clock in the afternoon where he will be met by the Duke of Connaught, and he will drive via Piccadilly to Buckingham Palace, where he lunches with His Majesty, his Generals and Staff following in four carriages. Aeroplanes will escort the ship on which the party crosses the Channel if the weather is favourable.

Haig has also arranged a great welcome and it will present an illuminated address to him.

THE ALLIES AND RUSSIA.

Prince Lvoff in London.

Prince Lvoff, Russia's First Revolutionary Premier, is now in London.

Parliamentary Debate on British Policy in Russia.

The newspapers state that the whole question of the Government's policy in Russia will be raised on the debate on the Address to the new Parliament.

Peace of World Dependent on Order in Russia.

Lord Milner's letter is commented on to a considerable degree. The Daily Telegraph thinks that the country is entitled to more information than Lord Milner has given regarding the conduct and aims of the war in Russia, particularly whether the Allies' Russian protégés are mainly partisans of the old régime.

The Daily News welcomes Lord Milner's letter as the first sign that the Government is ready to publicly discuss intervention in Russia and says that the British people refuse to have the lives of their sons wasted on a policy of adventure.

The Times and Daily Mail emphasise that peace in Europe and Asia are impossible until orderly Government is restored in Russia.

BRITISH VESSELS INTERRED AT HAMBURG.

Fifteen Arrive in the Tyne.

London, December 20.
Fifteen British merchant ships, interned at Hamburg since the war, have arrived in the Tyne with German crews.

FRANCE'S FIRST AEROPLANE FLIGHTS.

Commemoration.

Paris, December 22.
The Wilbur Wright ceremonies take place today at Les Invalides, including the laying of the foundation of the monument in commemoration of the first aeroplane flight from France to America.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

GERMAN AFFAIRS.

National Assembly Election.

Copenhagen, December 20.

A message from Berlin says the Soviet Congress by a large majority has passed a resolution that the National Assembly election be held on January 19th.

Soviet in Northern Germany.

Copenhagen, December 21.

A message from Berlin says that Herr Scheidemann in his speech prior to the adoption of the National Assembly resolution said Soviets were necessary institutions but they must not become permanent. The majority of the people disapproved of the Dictatorship, and only the National Assembly could bring peace and bread.

New German Foreign Minister.

Copenhagen, December 21.

A message from Berlin states that Count Rahn, ex-Ambassador to Copenhagen, has been appointed Foreign Minister.

A Relief of the Old Order.

Amsterdam, December 21.

The Grand Duke of Hesse is the only Federal Prince who has not indicated. The Soviet threatens to expel or imprison him unless he abdicates.

WAR-MAKERS TO BE PROSECUTED.

Amsterdam, December 21.

A message from Vienna says the Germano-Austrian National Assembly has adopted a Bill for the prosecution of the leaders responsible for the war.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN AUSTRIA.

Vienna, December 21.

The State Secretary for Social Welfare says there are at present 40,000 unemployed in Vienna and the number is increasing daily. In German Bohemia 25 percent of the working class are unemployed.

THE EX-KAISERIN.

Copenhagen, December 21.

Suffering from Heart Trouble.

Copenhagen, December 21.

The German newspapers state that the condition of the ex-Emperor is critical, being due to her old heart trouble.

ANOTHER GERMAN NOTE TO U.S.A.

A Berlin Note.

Washington, December 21.

Despite Mr. Lansing's emphatic admonition that German communications should be addressed to all the Associated Governments, another appeal has been received from the German Government, asking food and the modification of the Armistice terms. The State Department does not publish the Note because it violates the foregoing decision and does not differ from previous appeals, which are regarded as propaganda whereby the Berlin authorities are trying to escape the results of defeat.

PEARLS FOR RED CROSS.

Principal Necklace Fetches £22,000.

London, December 20.

The sale of pearls for the Red Cross Fund realised £34,492 at Christie's yesterday. The principal necklace fetched £22,000. Altogether, with the donations, the Red Cross has benefited £100,000.

AUSTRALIA'S NAVAL POSITION.

Admiral Jellicoe Going to Australia.

Melbourne, December 20.

In the House of Representatives the Hon. Mr. W. A. Watt announced that Admiral Jellicoe was leaving England for Australia in February to review the whole naval position of Australia. Australia was proud, he said, that her importance was deemed sufficient to justify the Admiralty in sending so illustrious a sailor, thereby insuring to Australia the best and most modern advice.

THE SILVER LINING IN COMMERCIAL SKY.

Supply of Shipping Shortly will Exceed Demand.

London, December 20.

In a memorandum on the world's shipping published by Lloyd's and the Admiralty, Sir James Glenny Wilson argues that within a few months the supply of shipping for commerce will be greater than the demand as compared with the pre-war relationship, and that the freight will fall to the level of not much more than double the rates current before the war.

ROYAL WELCOME TO PRESIDENT WILSON.

Banquet at Buckingham Palace.

London, December 20.

His Majesty King George is giving a banquet at Buckingham Palace on the 27th in honour of President Wilson.

It is authoritatively stated that President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson arrive in London on the 27th on a four days' visit and will be the guests of their Majesties at Buckingham Palace.

SOVIETS IN GERMANY NOT RECOGNISED BY ALLIES.

A Stern Warning.

Amsterdam, December 20.

The Cologne Gazette states that 4,000 Soviet troops occupy Solingen. The Allies have informed the Soviets that their members will be deported if they hamper the activities of the Bergmanns. They are forbidden to distribute leaflets or attempt to undermine loyalty to the Allies.

Herr Eichhorn has formally tendered his resignation on behalf of the Allies and requested the Soviets to accept it.

TELEGRAMS.

Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, Dec. 20.

The silver market is quiet.

A CHILDREN'S TREAT.

Christmas Tree on Civil Service Ground.

While many of us have special day funds for months as to whether our babies will give us any increase or bonus this Christmas and have been for the past two months, children astrologers and fortune-tellers, over a hundred children have been robbing the calendar in order to enjoy on Boxing Day the entertainment which is annually provided by the members of the Hongkong Civil Service Cricket Club to the children of the members. Yesterday was the fifteenth annual

King Sol appeared in all his magnificence and, but for the fact that His Majesty's joined his son too prominently, the day was an ideal one and the little girls took turns in racing, rate the fun and frolics made the winter seem to live his childhood days again.

The Christmas Tree on the ground with its 113 pris' hung up by Father Christmas was the centre of little eyes and in winding their mothers told them that it was rude to stare hard at it.

Mrs. E. R. Wood and Asst. (two clowns) and H. Strange (as Charlie Chaplin) were responsible to a great extent for all the m

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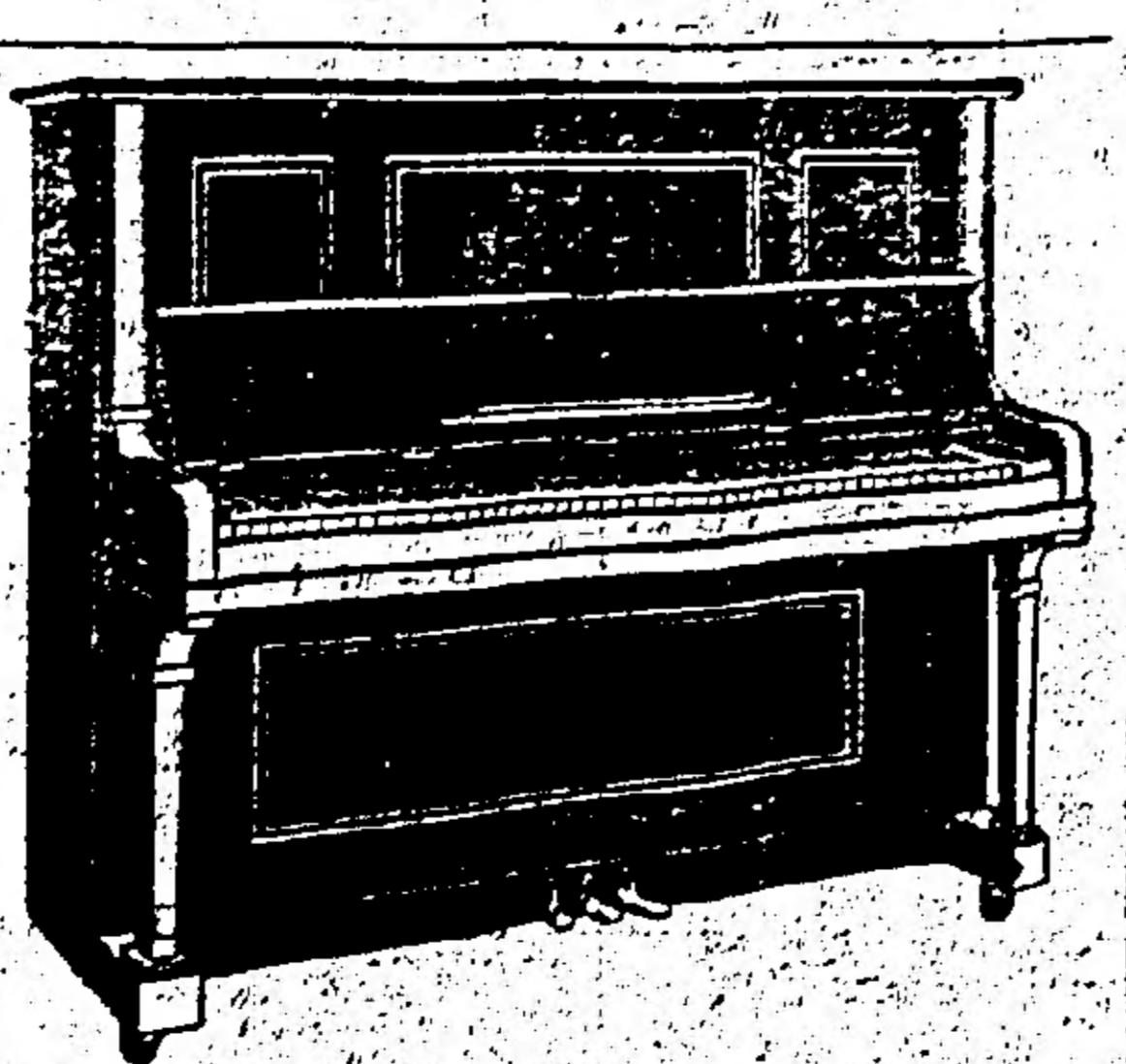
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BIRTHS.

TOD.—At No. 3 Queen's Gardens, Hongkong, on Thursday, 26th December 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Tod, a daughter.

HALLIFAX.—December 24th, at No. 61 The Peak, to Mr. and Mrs. Hallifax a son.

DEATH.

HENRY.—At Singapore, on 23rd December, James Henry, Manager in Singapore of the South British Insurance Company Ltd.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1918.

HONGKONG'S SLAVE SYSTEM.

We have many times had occasion to deplore the fact that a system of servitude exists in Chinese domestic circles in Hongkong which is little, if at all, removed from actual slavery. We refer to the purchase of children and their subsequent employment in Chinese households as menials. The system is, of course, an old one and is quite in accordance with Chinese custom, but at the same time it is not only out of tune with modern ideas of civilisation, but conflicts with British traditions of liberty and freedom. We see that this question has been taken up, in the course of a sermon, by the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle, who speaks only the bare truth when he says that Chinese girls in Hongkong are exchanged for a present of money and the person who gives that money is a slave-owner. Most appositely, he says that thousands of lives have recently been laid down so that liberty may not be crushed, and he pointedly puts the question whether we shall stand apathetically on one side while slavery is tolerated in this Colony.

We are quite aware that this is a big question and one which, were it tackled as it ought to be, would arouse considerable feeling among those who see, or profess to see, nothing wrong in "old custom." But that fact should in no wise deter our legislators from taking steps to see that this abominable system is completely wiped out. There are no insuperable difficulties in the way of killing this totally un-British custom, for it would be an easy matter to pass a law prohibiting either the buying or selling of children and thereafter to bring machinery into being for ascertaining whether children employed as servants are so engaged by consent or whether they have been forced into such work against their own wills and inclinations. We know all the stock arguments which are applied in defence of this system of child-slavery, the principal one of which is that in most cases the girls are far better looked after in these households than they would be in their ordinary surroundings. But all these contentions are beside the point of principle involved. Children are openly sold into servitude; they have no say whatever in the matter and many of them are forced to spend their young lives within the four walls of their master's house without ever getting a glimpse of the outside world. In other words, they are slaves, and nothing but slaves. It is true that the system does not conflict with Chinese ideas, but the point is that it is absolutely contrary to the British boast that there is no place for slavery where the Union Jack flies. One of the secrets of British colonising success has been that we have always been careful to respect and preserve the customs and rights of subject races, but always with the proviso that such customs and rights do not outrage civilised and humane ideals. Is some of the Colonies which we have conquered in this war, systems of slavery have been quite common, but does anyone imagine that if these Colonies remain in our hands we shall allow a perpetuation of these practices? Then why is slavery permitted to go unchecked in Hongkong after three quarters of a century of British occupation? There is no defence to the system. It demands abolition.

We can hardly agree with Mr. Moyle when he suggests that the existence of this system of slavery in Hongkong is largely unknown. Not once, but many times, has it been exposed in the local Press. There may be a really ignorant Britisher who is not brought sufficiently into touch with Chinese life to become acquainted with the whole facts, but the Chinese and missionary organisations have known all about it for many long years. It is a reproach to them and to those of the general community who are aware of the situation that nothing has been done to form it upon the consideration of the authorities. Unless we are content to appear as hypocrites before the native population, we must see to it that this evil, with this abominable system, is rooted out once and for all.

Ships for Trade.

Few Reuter's messages would be read with keener interest by members of the mercantile community than that which, appearing amongst the cables published to-day, gives us an assurance that shortly the supply of shipping will exceed the demand. Merchants may rub their eyes when reading this, but nevertheless it shows that no consideration whatever has been allowed to interfere with the fullest possible exploitation of our present ship-building resources. Our heavy losses in mercantile shipping are being made good and everything possible is being done to make up the deficiency. Although it will be some time before the ship chartering by the Government for the transportation of troops and war materials are released, the situation, it must be confessed, so far as mercantile shipbuilding is concerned, is hopeful. In the United Kingdom there are tremendous resources and facilities for the production of sea-going tonnage, but at the present time shortage of labour and material is restricting the output. With more material and more workmen a very much larger amount of tonnage could be placed in the water. We must not be impatient for immediate and visible results of the new system. Some time will elapse before it gets into smooth running order. The shipyards are now fully busy repairing the ravages of the U-boat warfare and the Government's programme of mercantile construction is being pushed on hurriedly in order to catch the trade tide after Peace is signed.

Typhoon Warning.

The following telegram was received by the U.S. Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 11.50 a.m. yesterday:—Cyclone or typhoon near or over northern Palawan.

Dear Alice,

I was very pleased to see from your last letter that your knee is mending. It was hard lines, but, like the case of the chap that dreamt that he was dead and had had a personal interview with the devil.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the opening of the Tiy Bridge (1879).

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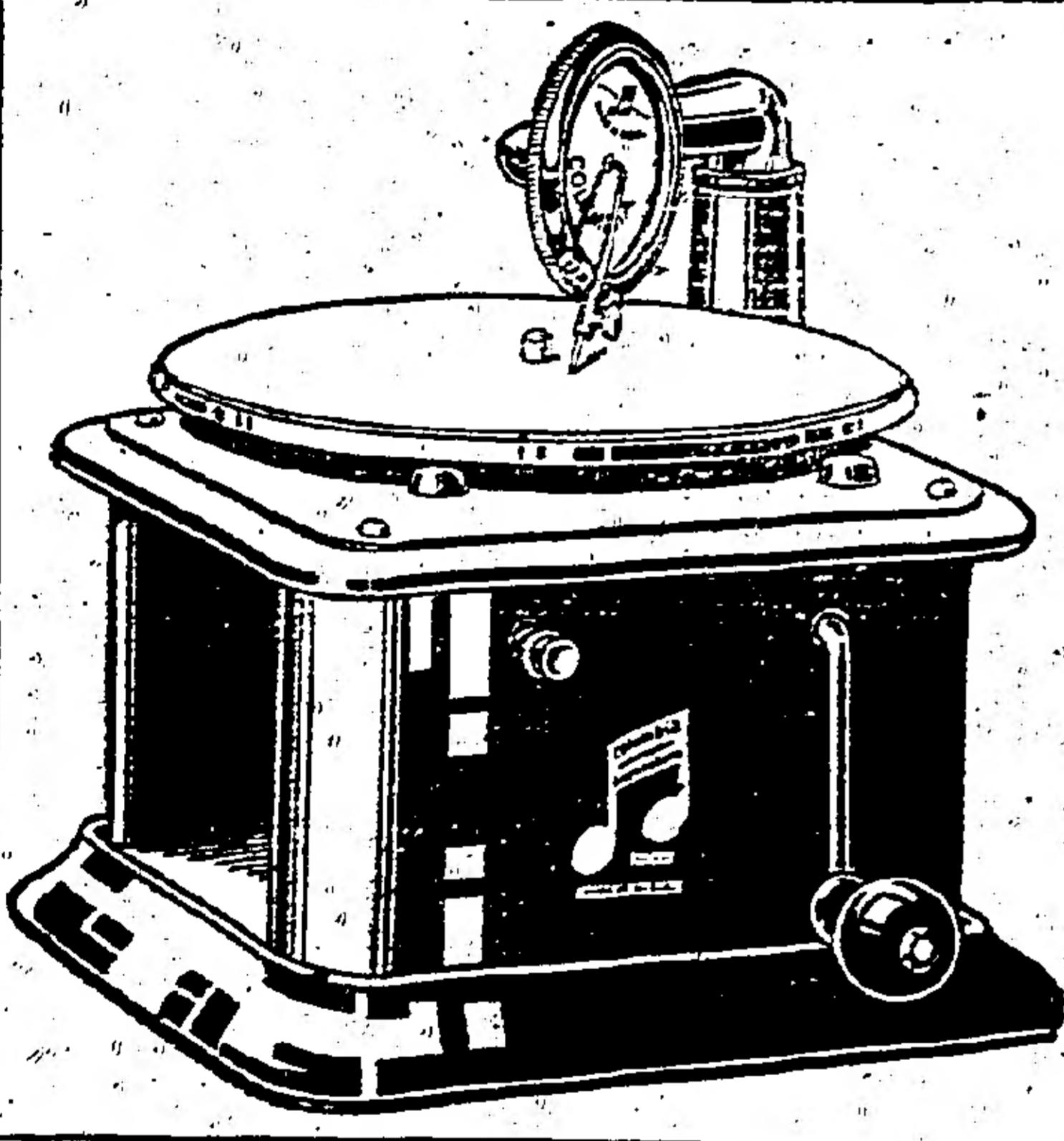
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TIDE TABLE.

From 23rd Dec. to 29th Dec.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

		High Water	Low Water	Hours	Mean Tide	High	Low	Mean
Mon.	23	4.5	1.5	11.5	4.7	4.5	1.5	4.7
Tues.	24	5.0	2.0	12.0	5.2	5.0	2.0	5.2
Wed.	25	5.5	2.5	12.5	5.7	5.5	2.5	5.7
Thurs.	26	6.0	3.0	13.0	6.2	6.0	3.0	6.2
Fri.	27	6.5	3.5	13.5	6.7	6.5	3.5	6.7
Sat.	28	7.0	4.0	14.0	7.2	7.0	4.0	7.2
Sun.	29	7.5	4.5	14.5	7.7	7.5	4.5	7.7

The China Mail S.S. Co. in receipt of a telegram from the San Francisco Office to effect that the s.s. CHINA arrived at that port on December 17th.

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REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

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SPAIN'S PREMIER.

Confers With President Wilson. Paris, December 21.
Count Romanones has conferred with President Wilson.

Views on Peace Questions.

Paris, December 21.
Count Romanones, interviewed by the *Ministre*, said that Spain being practically an island the "Freedom of the Seas" is a condition of her existence. It is therefore, vitally of importance that she should attend the Peace Conference.

A Convenient Visit.

Paris, December 23.
The visit to Paris of Count Romanones is recognised as extremely convenient to Spain, who was guilty during the war and must ask pardon for her faults. Count Romanones left Paris yesterday morning by motor-car for Biarritz and Orléans-Thiviers. When returning to Paris, he said no Spaniard seeing Biarritz could be Pro-German.—*Havas*.

Political Future of Mediterranean.

Paris, December 22.
Count Romanones was entertained at luncheon yesterday by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The object of the visit is to signify that Spain is now expecting political welfare from the Entente, and her desire for a participation in the Peace Conference inasmuch as Spain is interested in the political future of the Mediterranean and the solution of the Moroccan problem by a genuine and lasting Franco-Spanish agreement.—*Havas*.

YACHT RACING.

America Declines Lipton's Challenge. New York, December 20.
The Yacht Club has declined Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge for the American Cup for 1919, but will accept it if it is revived in 1920.

In its letter declining the challenge, the Yacht Club says it considers the war circumstances render the present time inappropriate for such a purely sporting event.

WILL BRITAIN GIVE UP GIBRALTAR?

Important Negotiations with Spain. Paris, December 21.
The well known writer, M. Pertinsx, in the *Echo de Paris*, comments on the discussions at present proceeding between Spain and France, in which Great Britain is also concerned as guarantor of the Franco-Spanish Agreements regarding Morocco and as guardian of Gibraltar. He asserts that the British and French Cabinets are engaged in taking away from Egyptian and Moroccan institutions all elements of the international regime, which perhaps indicates the direction being followed. He believes that there can only be a question of an exchange of equivalent advantages. He refers to certain English reports that Great Britain is considering the abandonment of Gibraltar owing to the range of modern guns whereby it largely loses its strategical value. This would heel the Spanish wound and Great Britain might be compensated with Cuba or some other point on the Moroccan Coast on a pecuniary compensation which would enable her to continue her rôle in the Mediterranean, but this is only one of the terms of a settlement designed to cover a very much wider field.

BRITISH NAVY TO VISIT AMERICA.

Preliminary Review in British Waters. London, December 21.
Although there has been no official announcement on the matter, it is regarded as certain that a powerful British fleet, comprising the latest types of heavy ships and other units, will visit America. The *America* Admirals, whose ships formed part in the British Sixth Battle Squadron, are so impressed by Great Britain's naval might that they are extremely anxious that the American people should see it for themselves before it leaves for America.

However, there will be a great review in British waters of the British Naval forces that have fought in the war.

The report that the British Fleet will subsequently visit the British Dominions is generally believed. If such a tour is undertaken, it is probable that the Fifth Battle Squadron, composed of the Royal Sovereigns and the latest battleships and also the Fifth Battle Squadron consisting of ships of the Queen Elizabeth class, will participate.

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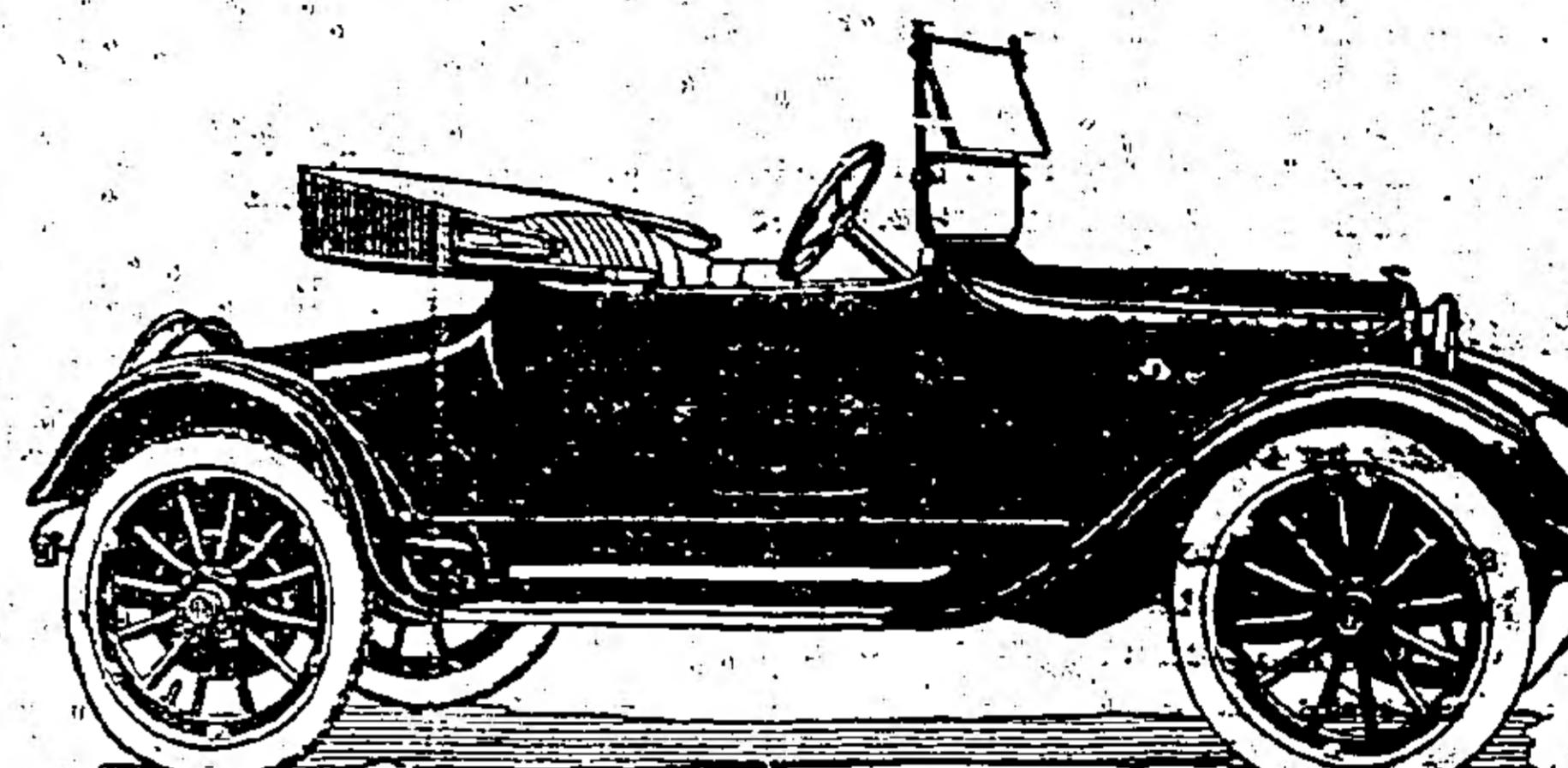
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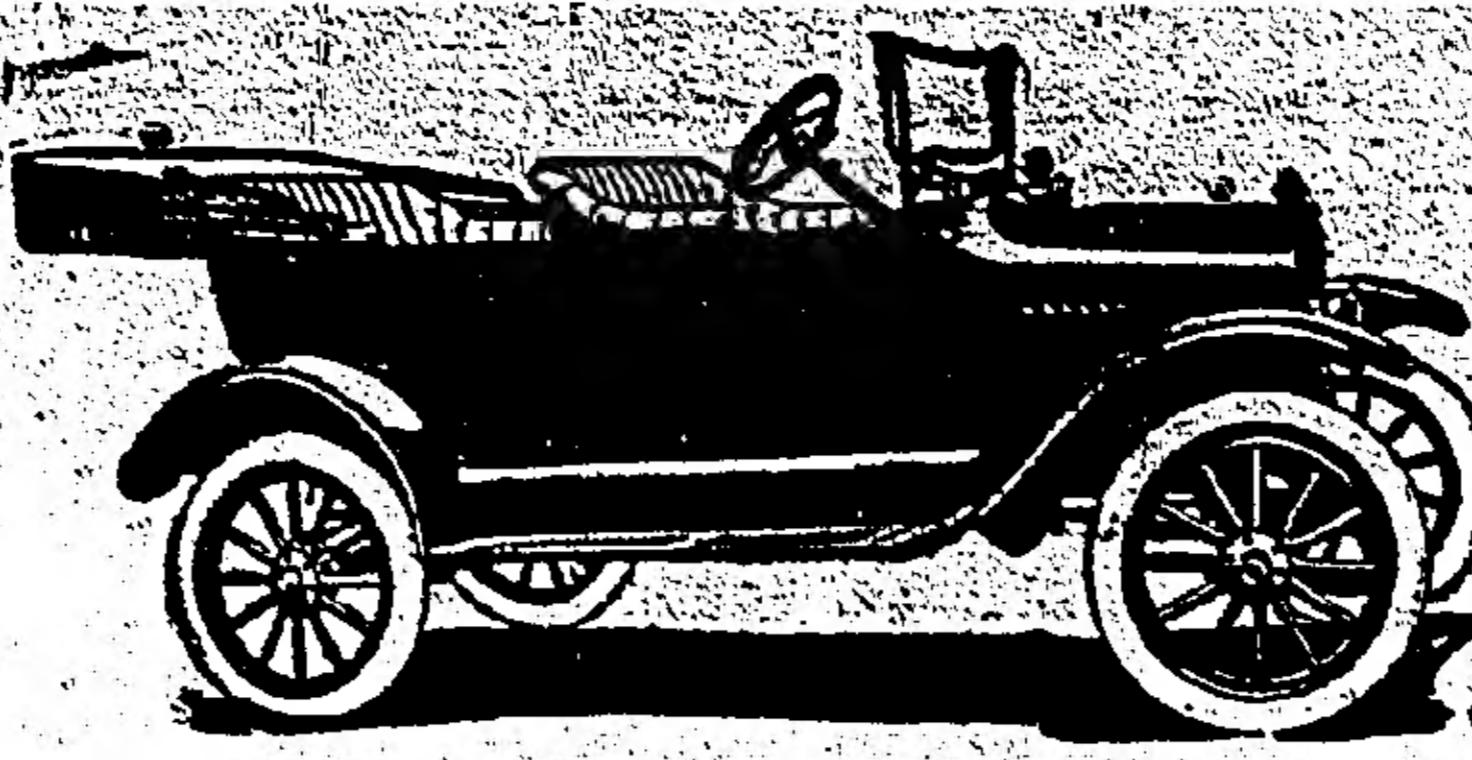
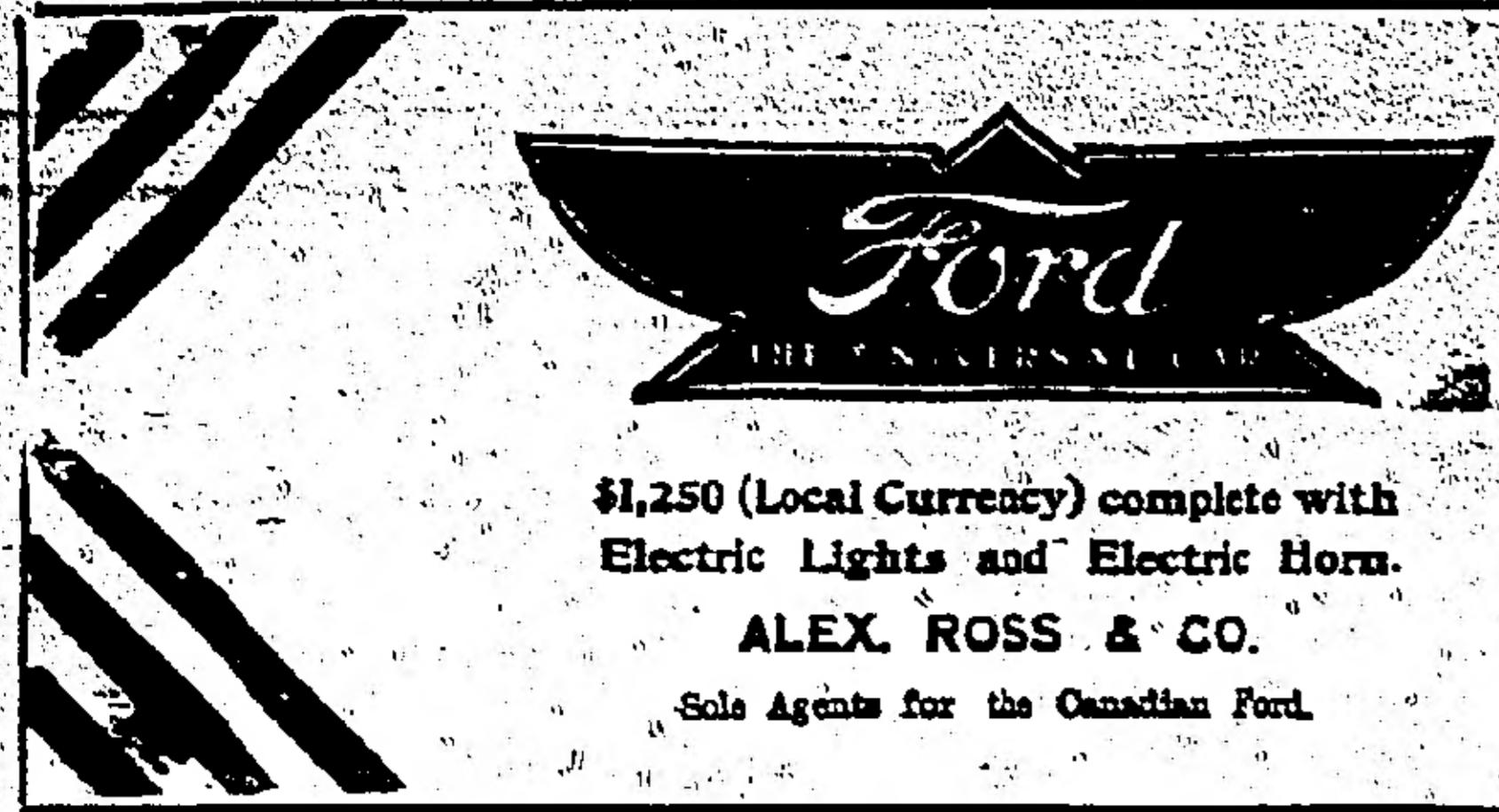
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KOWLOON	70'	100'	70'	100'	70'	100'	70'
No. 1 Dock, Kowloon	70'	100'	70'	100'	70'	100'	70'
No. 2 Dock, Kowloon	70'	100'	70'	100'	70'	100'	70'
Passage Slip, No. 1 Kowloon	70'	100'	70'	100'	70'	100'	70'
Passage Slip, No. 2 Kowloon	70'	100'	70'	100'	70'	100'	70'
RAI-KOL-POU	70'	100'	70'	100'	70'	100'	70'
Compositon Dock, ARREDON	70'	100'	70'	100'	70'	100'	70'
Passage Dock, ARREDON	70'	100'	70'	100'</			



REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

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THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Method of Procedure Outlined.

Paris, December 23.

The *Matin* gives information concerning the manner in which the promoters of the Society of Nations will proceed. Firstly, the Allied Governments will state the fundamental rule that peoples have a right to dispose of themselves; consequently the limitation of armaments must be by compulsory arbitration. Secondly, the enemy Powers will be ordered to accept fundamental principles and then details of the Peace Treaty will be discussed. Thirdly, a universal Conference will decide relations between the peoples, neutral Powers being able to be present. Germany's admissions will only be discussed after the total punishment indemnities have been paid.

SUGGESTED POSTPONEMENT UNTIL AFTER PEACE.

Washington, December 21.

Mr. Lodge, the Republican leader, addressing the Senate, advocated a postponement of the League of Nations until after peace declaring that it should be considered separately later.

BOLSHEVIK OUTRAGES AGAINST FRENCHMEN.

Warning by the French Government.

Paris, December 21.

The *Matin* says the French Government has sent a wireless message to the Bolsheviks that they will be held personally responsible for every outrage committed against Frenchmen, and also that the number of Bolsheviks on board a vessel about to depart to Russia will not be permitted to depart, but be interned, unless Frenchmen in Russia are immediately liberated.

ENFORCING THE ARMISTICE TERMS.

Paris, December 23.

A Note issued in Paris yesterday states that a French Naval Division of five ships, including the armoured cruiser *Montcalm*, is on its way to the Baltic, the object of the visit being to see that the conditions of the Armistice are carried out and to make sure of the repatriation of prisoners.—*Harcos*.

NO CHRISTMAS REVELS IN FRANCE.

Paris, December 23.

It is officially announced that the traditional Christmas Eve revels will not be allowed, when the Army is not demobilized. Public sentiment is against public rejoicings and refreshment places are closed as usual.—*Harcos*.

AERIAL FLIGHT TO THE EAST.

London, December 23.

The Press Bureau states that the Handley-Page aeroplane en route to the East has reached Egypt. Owing to the weather, the machine flew via Sicily and Malta and stopped for a night on each of the islands.

ESSEN MINES STORMED BY CROWDS.

Amsterdam, December 21.

The strike at the mines near Essen led to severe riots. A crowd arrested the Soviet. Others stormed the mines, but were driven off by machine-guns.

RUMANIAN REFORMS.

London, December 18 (delayed).

Reuter's correspondent at Jassy says the Premier, M. Bratianu, in submitting the policy of the new Government, promised universal suffrage, the breaking up of large estates and their distribution among the peasants.

BELGIANS IN GERMANY.

London, December 23.

A Belgian communiqué states:—The First Cavalry Brigade entered Germany and has reached Daisdorf.

BOHEMIA FOR CZECHS.

Amsterdam, December 18 (delayed).

A message from Prague says Dr. Karamirzec, Premier of the Czech-Slovak Republic, replying to a German deputation, said the Entente had allotted entire Bohemia to the Czech-Slovak State. The ideal of self-determination belonged to the future and would not apply to Bohemia.

1915 AND 1914 STAR FOR FORCES AND NURSES.

London, December 23.

The Admiralty announces that His Majesty the King approves the award of the 1914 and 1915 Star in bronze for officers and men of the Navy, including the Dominion forces, pilots, observers, men of the Naval Air Service, the Mercantile Marine, officers and men serving under special naval engagements, canteen staff who served on board warships at sea, all in respect of operations in France, Belgium, Eastern Europe, including Gallipoli, Egypt, Africa, Asia, the Australasian theatre, including German New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, Nauru and German Samoa.

London, December 22.

The War Office says His Majesty the King has approved of the award of the 1914 and 1915 star for the Army similar to the Navy (already done), including the Dominion and Indian forces and 13 nurses.

GERMANY'S CONTRITE HEART.

London, December 21.

£1,250 Million France Restored to Belgium.
Brussels, November 21.

Germany has restored 280,000,000 francs to the Belgian Government.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIA'S GREATEST CATASTROPHE.

Allied Intervention Imperative.

Paris, December 20,

M. Milianoff, the ex Russian Foreign Minister, in an interview, declared that Russia was threatened with the most appalling catastrophe in history. Allied intervention was absolutely imperative. A small effort would have saved Russia a year ago, but today a strong Army is required. Allied Labour and Socialist opposition to the intervention was due to an erroneous belief that Bolshevism was socialism. Bolshevism was not economic progress but a terrible setback. Ninety-nine per cent. of the population in Russia, including the Moderate Socialists, favoured Allied intervention.

POLISH TROOPS AT DANZIG.

Copenhagen, December 20.

A message from Berlin says that 50,000 Polish troops under General Haller have landed at Danzig. Presumably, this refers to the Polish Army organised in France.

London, December 21.

Reuter's Agency informed from Polish official quarters that yesterday's cabled report emanating from Berlin regarding the landing of Poles at Danzig and Trutte is untrue. It is merely to be regarded as another example of German propaganda.

ROYAL MESSAGE TO THE FORCES.

London, December 24.

His Majesty the King has sent the following message to the Forces:—

"Another Christmas has come round. We are no longer fighting. God has blessed our efforts. Their Majesties especially greet the disabled, sick and wounded and hope they will be cheered with the vision of the good days of peace for which they sacrificed so much."

BOLSHEVIK LITERATURE FOR SWEDISH CONSUMPTION.

Stockholm, December 21.

The Finnish authorities at Helsinki have arrested five Russian couriers, whose luggage contained Bolshevik literature intended for distribution in Sweden.

REPATRIATION OF WAR PRISONERS AND CIVILIANS.

London, December 23.

Over Ten Thousand Since Armistice
The Press Bureau states that since the Armistice 5,288 officers, 99,247 men and 4,201 civilians have been repatriated.

A special committee has been appointed to advise further steps to trace missing men.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

First Day of Defence Corps Meeting.

The Defence Corps Rifles Meeting opened yesterday. The Commandant's Competition was fired for in the morning, No. 8 Platoon being first, No. 5 Platoon second and No. 4 Platoon third. Lance Corporal F. C. Goodman wins the special prize for the highest individual aggregate, with the remarkably fine score of 116 out of a possible 120.

Firing for the Blake Shield took place in the afternoon, the Shield being won by "B" Coy., Private W. L. Leask winning the special prize for the highest individual aggregate, scoring 79 points out of a possible 85.

The Open Revolver Competition, unlimited entries at 20 cents per six shots, was fired for on the special range, and this Competition will continue throughout Saturday afternoon, 28th inst., and Sunday, 29th inst.

The following are the scores:—

Commandant's Competition—
No. 8 Platoon... ...408 1st.
No. 5371 2nd.
No. 4370 3rd.

Blake Shield—
"B" Coy. 544.
"A" Coy. 512.
Engineer Coy. 448.

Squadding cards have been sent out for the Open Biash Event to be shot for on Saturday. Firing for the Tile Competition (inter-Company) will commence about 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Competitors in the Classification are reminded that firing will commence at 9 a.m. on Sunday, 29th inst. Teams for the Franco-German competition should be ready to fire at 11 a.m. and firing for the Open Championship Show will commence immediately after 12 noon.

SHAMEEN NEWS.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Shameen, December 25.—The children's party took place yesterday afternoon. Father Xmas arrived quite seriously, much to the surprise and enjoyment of the little ones as well as the grown-ups present. Tea was served and a general distribution of toys in great variety ensued until joy to many wee hearts.

The Chinese Maritime Customs held a reception last evening at the Customs Club, Honam, to the European staff. A good spread was given and an impromptu concert followed which concluded with a dance, over seventy members and ladies being entertained.

An interesting and keenly contested billiard competition has been running at the Customs Club, Canton. The final was decided between two well known members, Mr. D. Urquhart and Mr. H. J. O. Hicks. An exciting match, in which Mr. Hicks got away, witnessed Mr. Urquhart overhaul his opponent in the good style which he is capable of, and win.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the Hongkong "Telegraph".)

SHAMEEN XMAS MAIL.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph".)

Sir,—Christmas comes but once a year and when it does, oh dear, oh love.

Christmas Morning.—Parcel Mail dispatched from Hongkong arrived, with the letter mail. The letters were sorted and collected by the various messengers sent by residents. But what about the Parcels?

Later—8.30 a.m.—Surely these presents from overseas or even from Hongkong could be looked at, occupying probably one hour with the assistance available of the Chinese staff, and sorted ready for collection, to bring some expected cheer from home at this season. It does seem too much of a favor to let five sacks of parcels remain untouched until to-morrow.

What have those in charge to say of the matter?

Yours etc.,
EXPECTANTS,
Shameen, Dec. 25, 1918.

FOOTBALL.

Hongkong F.C. v. Royal Engineers.

The following players have been chosen to represent the Hongkong Football Club in their game with Royal Engineers on Saturday, the 28th instant at 4 p.m. on the Club ground:—W. Hamilton; F. W. Black and J. McCubbin; T. R. Chassell; J. Stewart and J. D. Currie; W. Taylor, I. L. Goldenberg, D. Rischmann, H. McTavish and J. Manning.

Sad Faces at the Magistracy.

It is a wonder that more Chinese do not wrinkle their faces and make a show at crying, when charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne. One Chinese keeper of a Chinese Seamen's Institute, presented this morning, for accommodating 16 persons more than stipulated in his licence, was extremely nervous and asked Mr. Melbourne to reduce the fine of \$50 which he inflicted. Mr. Melbourne, sympathetic as he is, could not see his way to be more lenient as the prosecutor pressed his case.

TO-MORROW'S CONCERT.

An Attractive Programme.

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

SELLERS; SA.—SALES;

BUYERS; N.—NOMINAL.

OFFICIAL PRICES.

BANKS.

H. K. & S. Banks b. 725 ss. 730

MARINE INSURANCES.

Cantons ss. 405

North China b. 1,171

Unions b. 840

Yangtze b. \$205 Ex. 73

Far Easterns b. 1,28

FIRE INSURANCES.

China Fires b. 158

H. K. Fires b. 340

SHIPPING.

Douglas b. 854

Steamboats b. 823

Indos (Pref.) b. 880

Indos (Def.) b. 1,154

Shells b. 181

Ferries b. 334

REFINERIES.

Sugars b. 891

Malabon b. 853

MINING.

Kailua b. 47-

Langkawi b. 82

Raubs b. 8215

Trojans b. 88-

Urals b. 88-

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.

H. K. Wharves b. 109 ss. 110/1

Kowloon Docks b. & ss. 815

Shai Docks b. 815

N. Engineering b. 814

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.

Centrals b. 8108

H. K. Hotels b. 890

Land Invest. b. 8102

H. P. White Est. b. 8700

K'loon Lands b. 888

West Points b. 872

COTTON MILLS.

Ewos b. 8185

Kung Yiks b. 816

Lau Kung Mows b. 8124

Oriental b. 857

S'hai Cottons b. 815

Yangtzeapo b. 880

MISCELLANEOUS.

Green Islands b. 880</div

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

NOTINGS FROM GERMANY.

A League of Nations Society.

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.

A message from Berlin says a League of Nations Society has been founded. Herr Erzberger, the convenor, declared that such a League without Germany would be a permanent danger.

Growing Menace to Ordered Rule.

London, Dec. 16.

It is obvious that the more extreme elements in Berlin are increasing and, reinforced with thousands of deserters from the Army, are proving a formidable menace to ordered Government. "Vorwärts" admits that the situation is perilous owing to the inability of the organised workmen to control the dangerous extremists. It suggests that if the National Assembly cannot be secured against demonstrating mobs it will be compelled to foregather at Cassel, Nurnberg or Frankfort where it will be able to work undisturbed.

Stormy Scenes in Berlin Soviet Congress.

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.

In the Berlin Soviet Congress, during a sharp passage between Herr Barth and Herr Ebert, thirty soldiers of the Berlin garrison entered the hall and demanded immediate discussion of the question of the formation of a supreme Soldiers' Council to which all troops would be subordinated. The President declared that immediate discussion on the matter was impossible. Turbulent scenes followed. Herr Ledebour insisted on immediate discussion. The Majority Socialists protested and prepared to leave the hall. The uproar increased. Herr Haase exhorted calmness and the Congress finally adjourned amid wild scenes.

ABOLITION OF ORDERS AND HONOUR BADGES.

London, Dec. 20.

The Berlin Congress of Soviets resolved in favour of disarmament of counter revolutionaries, the abolition of all orders and badges of honour and nobility and recommending the appointment of officers by soldiers. This and other decisions of the Congress show that the Bolshevik element is stronger than the Berlin Government despatches have hitherto indicated but the whole proceedings of the Congress are apparently chaotic and largely consisting of acrimonious wranglings. Nevertheless it is believed that the excellent organisation of the Scheidemann Socialists will secure the passage of the proposal for a National Assembly.

EXECUTIVE POWER VESTED WITH PEOPLE.

London, Dec. 19.

The Berlin Congress of Soviets has passed a resolution affirming its supreme authority but transferring the legislative and executive power to the People's Commissaries until the National Assembly otherwise arranges. A special Soviet has been appointed to supervise the German and Prussian Cabinets with power to appoint or depose the People's Commissaries. Two "adjoints" have been selected from both Socialist parties and will be installed in each Ministry.

OFFICERS ABUSED AND HUMILIATED.

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.

War Minister Scheuch states that he has resigned because officers are continually abused and humiliated. For example the Commander at Potsdam appointed by him was unable to assume his duties because a soldier of the Potsdam Soviet declared himself Commander.

POLISH ELECTION FOR EASTERN PRUSSIA.

Copenhagen, Dec. 15.

A message from Berlin says the Polish Government has decreed that the election of the National Assembly be held on 26th Jan., comprising the eastern provinces of Prussia. The German press strongly protests, alleging that the Poles desire to annex German territories.

KRUPPS' FUNCTION ALTERED.

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.

The "Lokalanziger" states that Krupps will be utilised for textile industry.

BOLSHEVIK RAMPANT IN RUSSIA.

London, Dec. 18.

Necessity of Allied Intervention.

The newspapers are again calling attention to the problem of Allied intervention in Russia, especially in view of the Baltic provinces where Bolshevik forces approaching the railway junction at Valga in Livonia have crossed the Dvina at Friedland and are marching on Mitau in Estonia. The Estonian forces are weak and unable to resist the advance of the Bolsheviks. Meanwhile the Germans are withdrawing from the Baltic provinces and in the course of the Soviets' Congress at Berlin Herr Ebert stated that everything was being done to protect the eastern provinces of Germany against pillaging bands. The special correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" points out that in Russia adherence to Bolshevism is the only alternative to starvation since the Bolsheviks control the food supplies and thousands of officers are in the Bolshevik army because otherwise they would die of hunger. He discredits the report of a Bolshevik army of three millions and says the most reliable estimate is 180,000 scattered over Russia, but probably an attempt will be made to increase the force with a view to invading other parts of Europe in order to spread Bolshevik doctrines.

WELCOME TO SIR DOUGLAS HAIG.

London, Dec. 19.

The following is a continuation of the message relating to the welcome of Sir Douglas Haig: There was a stirring and historic scene outside the Palace where a crowd of 80,000 had assembled, with children from all parts of London in the front positions. Seven aeroplanes, which accompanied Sir Douglas Haig from the coast flew over the Palace, glittering like silver in the sun each time they wheeled round. A little later eleven other planes circled round the Palace in battle formation. Then came Sir Douglas Haig and party. The enthusiasm of the crowd was tremendous and deafening, rent the air as the carriages passed in front of the Palace to the southern gates and then crossed the forecourt to the grand entrance.

SPAIN AND GERMANY.

Madrid, Dec. 20.

The German Ambassador and his staff have received their passports.

BOLSHEVIKS IN BERLIN?



YOU might think so, but it's not the case. The picture merely represents what we should like to see during these last days of the sale of St. Andrew's Society, War Bond, Tickets. FIVE DOLLARS might bring you TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND. It's a chance of a life time, and probably the last chance of the kind that Hongkong will offer. Half per cent goes to War Charities; the rest, after paying expenses, goes to you, if you are one of the lucky ones. If you are not lucky, well, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have contributed to a good cause. The way to be lucky is to BUY TICKETS and BUY THEM NOW.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

PROSECUTION OF AUSTRIAN WAR LORDS.

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.

A message from Vienna says that all parties in the House have presented a Bill regarding the establishment of responsibility and criminal prosecution of the supreme war leaders, particularly in respect of the collapse of the Army last autumn.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

German Influence in China.

Before the war, our first and most formidable trade rival in China was Germany. Operating from the bases of Tientsin, Hankow, Canton, and Tsingtao, German firms had secured the lion's share of the trade with the important interior provinces of Honan, Yenan and Shensi, which had become strongholds of German trade and influence (says the Scotman) We have it on the authority of the Special Commissioners of the Board of Trade in China that most of this business was financed by British steel smelters to completely amalgamate with the iron and Steel Trades Confederation has been approved by the branches of the central association by a vote of 47,891 out of 75,222, a total vote of over 65 per cent. of the membership. A number of branches failed to make returns. A similar proposal in connection with the Associated Iron and Steel Workers will shortly be submitted to the members. An arrangement has been come to on the authority of the Special Commissioners of the Board of Trade in China that most of this business was financed by British banking capital so freely extended its assistance to Germany in commercial spheres which were formerly our own, was beginning to raise comment before the present war was thought of, at any rate by the majority of people in this country. Such a state of affairs is scarcely likely to be repeated in our generation. The French trading community are also profiting by experience. The Temps publishes an interesting letter from a special Commissioner giving particulars of the formation of a French Chamber of Commerce in China, which is one of the results of the war. Generally speaking its aims are to counteract and eradicate the Germanisation of industrial property involving a sum of nearly two million pounds. The deal, which is one of the aims of the Welsh coalfield, was concluded recently. The purchase includes the whole of the property of the Grangous Mining Company, on Swanage, together with subsidiary interests in France, leaves much to be desired, and it is in the latter description of the Germanisation of industrial property that Germany, formerly so successful, deserves a due accommodation of which China is said to be desirous, and in the provision of which France might contribute the sum required to be paid by Germany.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Iron and Steel Trade.

The decision of British steel smelters to completely amalgamate with the iron and Steel Trades Confederation has been approved by the branches of the central association by a vote of 47,891 out of 75,222, a total vote of over 65 per cent. of the membership. A number of branches failed to make returns. A similar proposal in connection with the Associated Iron and Steel Workers will shortly be submitted to the members. An arrangement has been come to on the authority of the Special Commissioners of the Board of Trade in China that most of this business was financed by British banking capital so freely extended its assistance to Germany in commercial spheres which were formerly our own, was beginning to raise comment before the present war was thought of, at any rate by the majority of people in this country. Such a state of affairs is scarcely likely to be repeated in our generation. The French trading community are also profiting by experience. The Temps publishes an interesting letter from a special Commissioner giving particulars of the formation of a French Chamber of Commerce in China, which is one of the results of the war. Generally speaking its aims are to counteract and eradicate the Germanisation of industrial property involving a sum of nearly two million pounds. The deal, which is one of the aims of the Welsh coalfield, was concluded recently. The purchase includes the whole of the property of the Grangous Mining Company, on Swanage, together with subsidiary interests in France, leaves much to be desired, and it is in the latter description of the Germanisation of industrial property that Germany, formerly so successful, deserves a due accommodation of which China is said to be desirous, and in the provision of which France might contribute the sum required to be paid by Germany.

EXCHANGE.

SELLING.

T/T	3/414
Demand	3/4 7/16
30 d/s	3/4 7/16
60 d/s	3/4 13/16
4 m/s	3/4 18/16
T/T Shanghai	1 Nom.
T/T Singapore	143
T/T Japan	153
T/T India	Nom.
Demand, India	Nom.
T/T San Francisco	7376
co & New York	7376
T/T Java	18814
T/T Marks	N.m.
T/T France	4.36
Demand, Paris	4.3614

BUYING.

4 m/s L/C	3/515
4 m/s D/P	3/515
6 m/s L/C	3/6
30 d/s Sydney and	3/6
Melbourne	3/6
30 d/s San Francisco	81/4
co & New York	81/4
T/T Marks	Nom.
4 m/s France	4.5314
6 m/s France	4.5814
Demand, Paris	—
T/T Germany	—
Demand, New York	80
T/T Bombay	Nom.
Dex and Bombay	—
T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Manila	162
Demand, Singapore	143
On Haiphong	2 1/4 % prem.
On Saigon	2 % prem.
On Bangkok	45/4
Boves	5.90 Nom.
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Church Snobb.

Speaking at Carlisle, the Bishop of Carlisle said that the churches had been frequently too largely concerned with selfish salvation. They had not been social churches proclaiming a social righteousness. Some churches had striven before wealth and rank and others had glorified the middle classes. The customary services were too long and too complicated to arouse and sustain the interest of the common people. Common alms were not given in a degree not in the best interest of the people. The churches had to maintain their own traditions.

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SHIPPING.

VE.SELS ARRIVED.

December 25
Rotors, 155, Brit. Capt. Grifiths, Horsay, inv.men—Mooring—
C 231.
Brisbane, 216, Brit. Capt. McLean, Hobson, War—Treen—
Mooring—C 45.
Haita, 113, Brit. Capt. Hodges, Swatow—D.S.N. Co.—Mooring—
Waikiki, 116, Brit. Capt. Matthews, Bangkok, J. M. & Co.—Mooring—
C 38.
Tjilwong, 131, Dutch Capt. Odenberger, Mike J. C. J. I.—Mooring—
A 4.
Mikawa, 114, Jap. Capt. Gamaguchi, Mor. Jan. M. B. K.—Mooring—
C 44.
Eci Ping, 45, Port. Capt. Koroska, Hoi How, Shun Lee—Mooring—
C 43.
Chuen Ob, 93, Chinese, Capt. Jeng, Hoi How, Shun Lee—Mooring—
C 40.
Haidia, 105, Norw. Capt. Sveen, Hainan, Thoresen—Mooring—
C 10.
December 27.
Ying Shin, 94, Chinese, Capt. Va Sine, Saigon, Chup Cheong—Mooring—
C 49.
Shun Chong, 83, Chinese, Capt. Kyle, Hainan, Ming Tao, Tsin—
Mooring—C 17.
Chong Va Luf, Chin, Capt. Weebs last, Haiphong, Hing Lee—Mooring—
C 9.
Wo Sang, 127, Brit. Capt. Smith, Shankat, J. M. & Co.—Mooring—
Wharf.
Ying Chow, 1116, British, Capt. Simons, Swatow, B. & S.—Mooring—
C 36.
Hoyeh, 125, Brit. Capt. Richards, Bangkok, B. & S.—Mooring—C 15.
Hang Bo, 2056, Brit. Capt. Egdon, Singapore, Joo Tak Sing—Mooring—
C 5.
Hok Canton, 556, British, Capt. Sparks, Hainan, Shun Lee—Mooring—
C 33.
Barito, 137, Am. Capt. Martinez, Illo Illo, Grimble—Mooring—C 13.
Gangol Ma, 2734, Japanese, Capt. Asai, Shanghai, O. S. K.—Mooring—
C 26.
Shinju Maru, 1234, Jap. Capt. Hodo, Miwa, O. S. K.—Mooring—
C 29.
Hitachi Maru, 1478, Jap. Capt. Kawasaki, Taka, O. S. K.—Mooring—
C 14.
Sozohi Maru, 1235, Jap. Capt. Noda, Moji, Carroll—Mooring—
C 26.
Shun Chong, 725, Chinese, Capt. Kewei, O. S. K.—Mooring—
C 14.

VESSELS CLEARED.

December 27.
Secretary for Nagasaki, Nagasaki Maru for Kei-
Ko, Kao-ko, Hingpong, Kwai-ko, Shanghai, Hainan for Ko-
te, Tamang for Surabaya, Tjipang for Bangkok, Pak-Canton for Hongay, Rotors for Hongay, Gao-ko for Marvelles via Singapore, & Port Said, Longkang for Manila, Hainan for Foochow via Swatow.

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Pe. SS. KASHIWA MARU, from Hongkong.
Arnold F. Lenieis B.
Arctay, Mrs. Vincenta Lee R.
Fusenmoto, Mrs. E. Mori Mr. & Mrs. B.
Brown S. Mirahita M.
Cochrane J. Mikuni S.
Camahot Nakukawa K.
Calvo Nakayama Mr. T.
Gidman Ohshima S.
Faulcon R. Y. Roasio D. A.
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Robinson S. Si Guy
Khalashad W. Shirahima J.
Kerr G. Skeley
Satoh E. Thompson Capt. C.
Kimura Z. Thompson Capt. C.

A BRAVE FRENCHMAN.

Dies in a Hongkong Hospital.

The funeral took place yesterday, at 5 o'clock, of a gallant French soldier, named Henri Solé, who had given his life for his country.

At the cemetery the Rev. Father Robert officiated, after which M. Kremer, in a short address, bade the conduct of the brave soldier who had given his life for his country. At the conclusion, a volley was fired over the grave and the Last Post sounded, bringing to its conclusion a most impressive ceremony.

The French community desires it to be known that they deeply appreciate the honour done to their national by the British military authorities, in providing

a military funeral.

Music Hall Charm.

A Chinese thief will steal anything. One such fellow watched Mr. Xaver's house in Wongnai-chung Road and stole his violin. Music has charms to soothe a robber's breast. Mr. J. B. Wood this morning thought three months stay in the goal would soothe the man's breast better and so he presented this charm

CHRISTMAS CRICKET.

C.R.C. v R.G.A.

The following will represent the O.R.C. in this match tomorrow at C.R.C.—Ng Sui Kwing (Oapt.) Yow Min Tean, James Wong, K.K. Wong, Harry Ching, Wei Lee Sun, C. F. Lee, George Lee, Liu Yat Mun, Chow Yat Cheung and Yu Hau Fan. Hongkong C. C. The Rest.

The Hongkong Cricket Club met the Rest on Christmas Day and Boxing Day on their own ground. The Rest appears to be a misnomer. They were supposed to have been picked from the teams outside the Hongkong Cricket Club. The best team available was not taken, and we do not know who had a hand in the picking. The Crasiger were not included. In spite of this, the Rest succeeded in winning the match by four runs.

Score:—Rest—1st Innings.

A. E. Wood, b Donnelly	9
Sic. Hack, c Fane, b Donnelly	3
C. J. Stapleton, c Grey, b Bird	2
A. H. Rosjahn, b Bird	32
Capt. Wahl, c Fane, b Donnelly	0
G. E. Merley, c de Rome, b Donnelly	15
Corporal Waller, c Donnelly, b Bird	0
P. M. Robinson, b Bird	6
E. W. Hamilton, b Donnelly	2
H. H. Taylor, c Pearce, b Bird	8
Gunner Baines, not out	1
Extras ...	0
Total ...	73
Bowling.	
O. M. R. W.	
Bird ...	11 0 47 5
Donnelly ...	11 1 31 5
Hongkong C. C.—1st Innings.	
T. E. Pearce, c Baines, b Hack	113
Capt. Grey, c Hack, b Hamilton	8
F. J. de Rome, c Taylor, b Hamilton	35
M. M. Mass, b Waller	5
A. P. Thurspelo, c Waller, b Taylor	40
R. Kennedy, c Wahl, b Baines	7
R. M. Austin, c Waller, b Baines	0
F. Sutton, b Baines	2
B. E. O. Bird, b Hack	10
D. E. Donnelly, c Hamilton, b Baines	2
P. A. Pinsonby-Fane, not out	6
Extras ...	10
Total ...	238
Bowling.	
O. M. R. W.	
Hamilton ...	11 1 63 2
Baines ...	17 0 58 4
Marley ...	5 0 38 0
Taylor ...	11 0 53 1
Waller ...	3 0 19 1
Hack ...	5 0 14 2
Rest—2nd Innings.	
G. E. Merley, c Grey, b Donnelly	31
Hack, b Donnelly	6
A. E. Wood, b Donnelly	99
G. Rosjahn, c Fane, b Donnelly	0
C. J. Stapleton, b Donnelly	18
Capt. Wahl, b Bird	29
H. H. Taylor, c de Rome, b Bird	60
P. M. Robinson, c Fane, b Donnelly	25
Gunner Baines, c Austin, b Bird	1
E. W. Hamilton, c & b Bird	21
Extras ...	19
Total ...	299
Bowling.	
O. M. R. W.	
Donnelly ...	30 3 115 6
Bird ...	24 2 118 4
de Rome ...	5 25 0 0
Pearce ...	3 22 0 0
Hongkong C. C.—2nd Innings.	
T. E. Pearce, c sub, b Taylor	1
Capt. Grey, c Marley, b Taylor	14
F. J. de Rome, c Robinson, b Baines	18
M. M. Mass, c Taylor, b Baines	0
B. P. Threshfield, c Taylor, b Hamilton	32
R. Kennedy, c Rosjahn, b Marley	19
B. M. Austin, c Stapleton, b Marley	0
Marley ...	0
F. Sutton, c Stapleton, b Taylor	24
B. E. O. Bird, b Baines	6
D. E. Donnelly not out	6
P. A. Pinsonby-Fane, b Hack	5
Extras ...	12
Total ...	135
Bowling.	
O. M. R. W.	
Baines ...	13 2 37 3
Taylor ...	8 1 40 0
Marley ...	7 2 15 1
Hamilton ...	4 0 23 2
Hack ...	4 8 8 1

GEO. P. LAMMERT.

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER AND SURVEYOR.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on FRIDAY the 31st December, 1913.

commencing at 12 o'clock (Noon) at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,

The Wreck of the s.s. "SUNGKIAN".

as she now lies sunk off the West side of East Lammao Island.

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